



ST/JOHN'S
4TH SATURDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2020

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Saturday, June 27, 2020

5:00 PM

+ Gathering +

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG

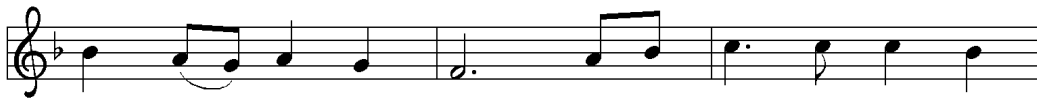
All Are Welcome



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
claim the faith of Je - sus:
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
end to fear and dan - ger:
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Transcendent God, you took human form and with it, human sexuality and gender, entering into our broken world, bearing our suffering along with us. We remember that on this day, 51 years ago, a riot broke out as a response to years of victimization and oppression of the LGBTQIA community. We lift up those lives and their voices, remembering their hardships. We ask you to send your Spirit, that we may listen to the voices of our neighbors and work together to end the oppression of your children who are hurt by discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender. As your child, Jesus Christ, healed the woman who touched the hem of his cloak, help us to provide healing to one another, removing the barriers that separate your beloved children from access to hope, safety, and life abundant. Let this church be a safe haven. We pray all this through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Adapted from: "Her Voice, the Pine: A Journey of Becoming."

+ Word +

READING

From "Elegy in Joy" by Muriel Rukeyser

We tell beginnings: for the flesh and the answer,
or the look, the lake in the eye that knows,
for the despair that flows down in widest rivers,
cloud of home; and also the green tree of grace,
all in the leaf, in the love that gives us ourselves.

The word of nourishment passes through the women,
soldiers and orchards rooted in constellations,
white towers, eyes of children:
saying in time of war What shall we feed?
I cannot say the end.

Nourish beginnings, let us nourish beginnings.
Not all things are blest, but the
seeds of all things are blest.
The blessing is in the seed.

This moment, this seed, this wave of the sea, this look, this instant of love.
Years over wars and an imagining of peace. Or the expiation journey
toward peace which is many wishes flaming together,
fierce pure life, the many-living home.
Love that gives us ourselves, in the world known to all
new techniques for the healing of the wound,
and the unknown world. One life, or the faring stars.

Silence for reflection follows the reading.

DISCUSSION

GOSPEL

Matthew 10:40-42

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the twelve: ⁴⁰“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

Silence for reflection follows the reading.

DISCUSSION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All are invited to pray, silently or aloud. Each petition concludes with:

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

or

Lord, we praise you,
Thanks be to God.

+ Meal +

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD’S PRAYER

God our Mother, God our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

God of the welcome table, in this meal we have feasted on your goodness and have been united by your presence among us. Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts so that we may share your neighborly love with all, through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life.

Amen.

+ Sending +

SENDING SONG

Baptized and Set Free



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

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Music: BAPTIZED AND SET FREE, Cathy Skogen-Soldner
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BLESSING

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

God, the creator, † Jesus, the Christ, and Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

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1235 Wilmette Avenue, Wilmette, IL 60091.

IN OUR PRAYERS

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| † The family and friends of Jean (Labbe) Olan, cousin of Bill Kaspar, who died 6/11/20 | † Linda Bengfort, mother of Pastor Allison, ongoing back pain. |
| † The family and friends of Bob Anderson, who died 6/8/20 | † Greyson Nester |
| † The family and friends of Matt Dossa, nephew of Jim Dossa, who died 6/7/20 | † Margaret (Maggie) Oxland |
| † Chad Johnson, recovering from a bike accident on 5/30/20 | † Marty Anderson |
| † The family and friends of Helene Tadros, Olga Domchenko's sister, who died 4/6/20, and especially for William Sciarrino, Helene's caretaker | † Linda Basnik, wife of Chad Johnson, in need of healing |
| † Natalie Domchenko & Hilaire Sainson, sister of Olga Domchenko and sister's husband, in need of healing | † Ellie Basnik, mother-in-law of Chad Johnson, cancer diagnosis |
| † Sylvia Cushing, cousin of Olga Domchenko, in need of healing | † Ross Johnson, brother of Chad Johnson |
| † Doris Regan, mother of Jan Wendel & Sharon Regan, recovering from cancer surgery | † The family of Paul Escamilla, friend of Elias & Stephanie Abudayeh |
| † Janet Witt, cancer diagnosis | † Sydney Johnson, her work |
| † Michael Rager, brother of Christi Wise, in need of healing | † Mark Voosen |
| † Virginia Milnikel, broken arm | † Margaux Tauszig, granddaughter of Wolf Peddinghaus |
| † Susan Crist | † Ed Price, friend of Sarah Rink |
| † Bob Oakes, recovering from hospitalization | † Jodi Kretzman, friend of Peter Knobel |
| † Lani Miller | † Jessica Sandoval, friend of the Radde family |
| † Doug Peters, managing cancer and recovering from surgery | † Fred Rudolphi, friend of Bill Kaspar, in need of healing |
| | † Steve Aschbacher, friend of Bill Kaspar, in need of healing |
| | † the officers of the Rogers Park police district |

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Meeting

Our Congregational Meeting will be tomorrow morning, immediately following worship (at around 10:30 am). The purpose of this meeting will be to elect congregational leaders, including Council members and officers, a new Nominating Committee, and 2020 Synod Assembly delegates; to celebrate all that we have accomplished as a congregation in the past year; and to recognize our ministry leaders and give thanks to God for their leadership. This meeting will be held virtually on the same Zoom connection as the Sunday worship service. Please plan to stay after the service this morning to participate in this important meeting.

Pastoral Care

Pastor Allison will be on vacation for the next two weeks. If you are in need of pastoral care during this time, please contact Jan in the church office (847-251-1730). Pastor John Lang will be on call.

Poor People's Campaign Statewide Call

Thanks to everyone who participated in the June 20, 2020 Mass Digital Gathering, which included millions of people from around the country. As a follow up to this event, all are encouraged to connect with their state chapter. The Illinois state chapter will be having its next statewide Zoom call on Wednesday, July 1st at 8 pm. Register [here](#) and join the event!

Guest Preacher Next Sunday

Pastor Ellie VerGowe, Pastor of Outreach and Worship at First Covenant Church in Seattle, WA, will be preaching and presiding next Sunday, July 5th. She is a close friend of Pastor Allison from her time living in Seattle. There will not be communion during this service.

Help for Mindy

Our beloved Mindy Davis, regular Saturday service attendee and co-leader of the Rooted in Relationships Team, is in need of financial assistance during this time. Please see her [GoFundMe page](#) for more information and to make donations. If you'd like to donate to her directly, you can reach out to Pastor Allison for her contact information (or check the directory).

Anti-Racism Resources

Mylene Pollock's company, SmallGood, has created a list of anti-racism resources including books, podcasts, films, articles, and groups to follow on social media. "From light content to more thorough, there something for everyone, including kids," Mylene says. Check it out [here](#).

A **Coloring Sheet** (for adults and children) and a **Children's Bulletin** have been emailed to you. Feel free to color during the service or throughout the week. Please take a picture of your work and email it to churchoffice@stjohnswilmette.com to be included in next week's "Art Gallery."

Wednesday Bible Study will not meet during the months of July and August. We will resume meeting in September.

Face Mask Challenge

Join the 75,000 Face Mask Challenge! COVID-19 is threatening vulnerable communities, and Lutheran World Relief urgently needs cloth face masks to send to them. The cloth mask you sew in your living room will provide love and protection to a neighbor in need halfway around the world. How many will you make to help stop the spread? Click [here](#) for more info.

Member Milestones: Birthdays and Anniversaries

Please send us your birthdays and anniversaries so they can be included in the Member Milestones section of our eNewsletter! This section of the newsletter is also an opportunity to share any special events that come up in your or your family's life. Milestones may include happy occasions and other serious life cycle events, including but not limited to graduation, wedding engagement, illness, surgery, death in the family, job change, award received, etc. Please e-mail your information to churchoffice@stjohnswilmette.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

9:30 AM

Online Worship with Children's Message

10:30 AM

Congregational Meeting

THURSDAY

12:00-1:00 PM

Men's Group Online

SATURDAY

5:00 PM

Candlelight Service Online

SUNDAY, JULY 5

9:30 AM

Online Worship with Children's Message

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